

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Clemens SCHMICK et al.

Appl. No. 09/785,508

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Information Disclosure Statement

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 within the time specified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c).

Attached is a PTO-Form 1449 listing the documents cited in the enclosed European Search Report (translation of pertinent information noted thereon), where the relevance is indicated. No further statement of relevance is required.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, and therefore no Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In view of the above, no further translation or statement of relevance is required, and as all requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and all official guide lines pertaining to Information

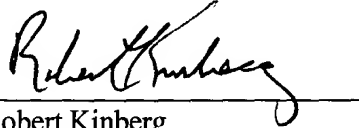
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Disclosure Statements have been complied with, and it is therefore respectfully requested that
the Examiner consider the documents and make them of record.

Date: July 23, 2001

Respectfully submitted,



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